--- 5 Cigarettes - “Rock City / Rothman”, Quebec, P.Q. - 1961 ---

In 1956 “Rothman Tobacco” came to Canada from England, and opened a modern factory at Toronto in 1957. Towards the end of the same year in the United Kingdom the “Rothman Group” acquired voting control of “Carreras Limited” which held majority voting shares of “Rock City Tobacco”, Quebec City. The Rothman readable date coding begins with a three digit weekly cancellation in December 1957.

In the Rothman *weekly* three digit code the *first two numbers* give ***the week*** of the year, and *the last digit* provides ***the year***. In 1968-69 the numbers were in heavy 4½ mm. Gothic without the company code, but in 1960 the company added the 3 mm. code [**6-13D**] at the top.

The weekly “Rock City / Rothman” cancellations continued into 1961, using a heavy 3 mm . Roman company code **6 - 13 D**, and a 5 mm. heavy Gothic number, but probably in mid-1961, switch into a new format.

★**RC-373** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-13 D / 021** by “Rock City Tobacco” in the 2nd week (January) of 1961

★**RC-373** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded **6-13 D / 021** by “Rock City Tobacco” in the 5th week (February) of 1961

[1961]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	---	051	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	021	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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	041	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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To date I have not located any examples cancelled in the Rothman format after the 38th week of 1961 (see the Rothman cancellations). The sequence possibly runs to December 1961 at [521] and I have begun the following series as if it was started in 1962.

--- 5 Cigarettes - “Rock City / Rothman”, Quebec, P.Q. - 1962-69 ---

A new *monthly series* begins in 1962 using the 3 mm. Roman wide spaced company code **6 - 13 D** closer to the top of the stamp, over a two digit numbered sequence in 5 mm. Gothic placed below center.

This first series exists only on *Rothman / Rock City* 6-13D production, and is not found on the *Rothman, Toronto*, 12-50E stamps. Thus it is probable that this series, and the following twinned series, ran *concurrently* at Quebec as a single sequence, and the two formats were simply used to match varying package requirements. I obviously need more examples.

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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962	---	---	**13**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1963	---	---	---	---	---	**28**	---	---	---	---	---	**34**
1964	---	---	---	---	**39**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1967	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1968	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**92**	---	---
1969	---	---	**97**	**98**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962	---	---	---	---	---	---	**17**	---	---	---	---	---
1963	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1964	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1967	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1968	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1969	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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